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ENGLAND.

Report from London—Plague at Cape Town and Mauritius.

LONDON, ENGLAND, May 11, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health of London and the British Isles generally remains normal. The epidemic of smallpox in Glasgow is subsiding, and there were on the 8th instant only 103 cases remaining in hospital. New cases occur, however, but in greatly diminished numbers. The number of deaths in London, certified as due to influenza were, for the week ended May 4, 19, as against 27, 31, and 24 in the preceding three weeks.

Experiments are being made at this port in the use of sulphurous acid gas as a means of killing rats in the holds of vessels. Thus far the results have seemed to be satisfactory. The number of cases of plague in Cape Town for the week ended May 4 were 53 with 33 deaths.

A case of plague was also reported at Port Elizabeth on May 6. In Mauritius for the week ended May 2 there were 3 fresh cases of plague and 2 deaths. Regarding the cases of plague in Constantinople, reported last week, it would seem that the case was established as one of plague after bacteriological examination. The patient was a workman in a factory. The necessary sanitary measures seem to have been taken.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston—Fruit port.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, May —, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report inspecting on May 9, steamship *Bergenser*, Captain Klausen, leaving this port with fruit for New Orleans; the crew was well, the ship clean, and in good sanitary condition. The same date, steamship *Managua*, Captain Gunderson, with fruit for Mobile; ship and crew in good condition. To-day I have inspected steamship *Esther*, Captain Stevenson, just in from New Orleans. She leaves with fruit to-day in good sanitary condition and healthy crew for New Orleans. The health of Livingston and adjacent country is good. No deaths to report. Referring to Government property here for quarantine purpose, I find by careful examination with Consular Agent Edmund Reed that a small package of glycerin, a carboy of disinfecting fluid, and a few obsolete forms constitute all to be found. Copy of letter No. 103, letter K, is received. I have shown it to Consular Agent Reed.

Respectfully,

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